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Today's HEADLINES

FAR EASTERN FRONT

SINGAPORE.—The most heartening news this week to the Allies [illegible] the entry of fresh,tough Australian troops into the Battle of Singapore Wednesday which resulted [illegible] the halting of the steady Japanese advance in the Malay peninsula today. However, despite the initial important victories of the Aussies military quarters in Singapore warned against undue optimism pointing out the fact that the enemy still possesses a superiority of numbers and equipment.

WASHINGTON. — The Navy announced today the sinking of three Japanese transports and two Japanese cargo vessels by the U.S. Asiatic fleet. This brings the total of Japanese combat and non-combat vessels sunk by the American Navy and Marine Corps in the Pacific to twenty-four.

THE EUROPEAN FRONT

MOSCOW.—The Russian army was reported today to have recaptured Selizharovo, on the Volga river, 175 miles northwest of Moscow. The capture of this city has outflanked a German defense point 50 miles down the river at Rzhev. The Soviet Information Bureau stated that the capture of Rzhev would put the Russians in a position to smash the whole German winter defense line northwest of Moscow.

MALTA.—Malta was undergoing continual air raids for the past twenty-four hours, the United Press at Malta said today. These raids which began six weeks ago are thought perhaps to be a prelude to an Axis invasion attempt which the Maltese are confident will not meet with success.

THE HOME FRONT

Single License Plate.

There will be only one license plate issued to each motorist in B.C. this year it was disclosed in Victoria Thursday. This will be a saving of 50,000 pounds of steel which will be used for next year's plates.

"The Japanese re Coming"

A nervous citizen phoned the police headquarters Thursday night that he heard the sound of machinery moving about in Stanley Park and wanted to know if the enemy were landing.

There'll Be Some Changes Made

Women all over Canada gazed at [illegible] figures and sighed today as [illegible] A. Klein, administrator of women's, misses' and children's wear announced Thursday that the manufacture of corsets, girdles and other like garments made of all-elastic materials has been banned in Canada. The general reaction seems to be "They sure won't look the same."

Woman M.L.A. Scores "Race Hatred"

In her maiden speech, Mrs. Grace MacInnis charged that certain coalition members seek to offer race hatred as a substitute for democratic practice in British Columbia. She said that unless the provincial government demonstrates by deeds that it is really working for democracy, no amount of stirring up hatred [illegible] people put their backs into the [illegible] against the Orientals is going to make [illegible]

This Question Of Service

IN recent weeks we have become so wrapped up in our immediate personal problems on the Pacific Coast that we tend to lose sight of the more important major issues of the day. In the international scene, there is the continued stress that the ultimate successful outcome of the war depends on the Battle of the Atlantic, and our beating Hitler in Europe.

On the national scene, there is the growing demand for a more definite policy in regard to conscription for overseas service. The strength of that demand, it is suggested with some force, may be the first indication that the Allies are preparing in the general scheme of the war for the ultimate offensive in Europe itself.

These matters come home to us in a very definite manner, since the government has announced that it desires to provide a civilian labor corps for Japanese Canadians to take a more active part in the war effort.

No indication has been given, as yet, of what that corps would be called upon to do. But the implication seems to be that it would largely be confined to "ditch-digging" of a kind difficult to describe truthfully as vital and necessary.

Perhaps, therefore, some of our able-bodied, high-spirited young men, particularly those who wanted to enlist in the active service long before the outbreak of the Pacific war, will be even more anxious now to serve their country as a soldier, rather than as a civilian.

If such is the case, then it seems important that they do something to realize their wishes. The fact that Canadian-born Japanese have been conscripted and have been accepted as volunteers in other provinces, and that a dozen or so are even now serving "somewhere in England" suggests that barriers elsewhere may not be nearly as unassailable as they are in British Columbia.

There is a continuing need for manpower in the armed services as the interest in conscription shows. Hence it is possible that individual or even group enlistment "east of the Rockies" for service against the Nazis in Europe or in Africa, if not against Japanese in the Pacific, may not be flatly rejected.

Many Questions Asked

Worried People Await Details of New Orders

The entire Japanese Canadian community in British Columbia is anxiously awaiting further word from Ottawa as to the details of the new regulations announced Wednesday morning. There is no person of Japanese origin not affected, some only slightly, but others for whom the whole future is a huge and almost terrifying question mark.

It is apparent, however, that several days will likely elapse before the details of the five new measures are likely to be worked out in Ottawa, and put into effect as law. In the meantime there is every reason to believe that the enforcement of the orders will be very reasonable.

Most important, of cours, is the question of removal of enemy aliens from specially created, "protected areas" on the coast. An Ottawa dispatch says that the entire coastline, as well as sections eastward, is likely to be declared such an area. This is largely a speculation for which there is no official confirmation.

If it is true, the result of the order will be a virtual upheaval of whole communities, the disruption of ties of some 2500 families, the breaking of business relations and professional services established over the past half-century, and other unforeseen repercussions.

The only counter-measure to the upheaval will be the special permits issued by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. These special permits, it should be noted, will be entirely new permits, and have nothing to do with the parole permits given to enemy aliens when they register.

Widespread Worry

Although the community is carrying on as usual, there is no denying the widespread worry over the future. Especially hit will be hundreds of merchants and shop-keepers, as well as many other white-collar workers, since only a low proportion of these are naturalized.

Naturalized citizens, born in Japan, are largely concentrated in the fishing industry, and were most issued prior to 1923.

Since 1923, records of the Secretary of State indicate, there have been very few certificates of naturalization issued, although many applications for these were made.

In the event of enforced removal, the question has been raised as to whether the Custodian of Enemy Property would assume control of establishments.

Cameras and Radios

Many Japanese nationals, too, are awaiting further details of where, when and how they will be required to turn in cameras and radios.

With respect to the latter, it is hoped that arrangements can be made to remove short wave bands, thus leaving the standard broadcast as usual.

Gasoline control, as far as Canadian-born of naturalized citizens are concerned, is not expected to be discriminatory in nature. It will be a routine check to see that consumption of gas is normal and consistent with the private or business needs.

The civilian labor corps, moreover, is expected to be of principal benefit to the fishermen, whose right to fish has been taken away. It will, however, be of equal benefit to any others who have lost employment as a result of the prejurice arising from the war.

How great the immediate response will depend of course upon the exact nature of the corps and the work that is provided for it.

Farmers Want Chain Gang — *Hope Says No!*

Coast, Valley, Okanagan--'Scram, no room in this inn'

"Under Military Guard"

Growers and business men of the Okanagan are anxious to secure Japanese labor as the "only solution to a shortage of farm workers expected to develop" in the Okanagan this year. But some feel that "the authorities should undertake to see that these Japanese shall not be permitted to settle in the Okanagan valley, either during or after the war," according to a resolution adopted Wednesday in Kelowna by a meeting of growers and business men.

The resolution says that "all Japanese who may be removed from the coast area should be placed in concentration camps on any government road project, such as the Hope-Princeton Road, and let out under military guard to employers as required for work on orchards and farms . . ."

The Penticton Herald says "that there has been the suggestion that there is accommodation in some places for families," and quotes the president of the B.C. Fruit Growers' Association, A. G. DesBrisay.

"It would appear that the Japanese offer a solution (to the acute labor shortage) and we cannot afford to neglect the opportunity. It might be the essential feature of our activity next season."

But he adds, "Some of us view this idea of bringing in Japanese families with great reserve."

While the "Hope-Princeton" highway project is being suggested all over the country, the good citizens of Hope, B. C., have something to say. In a protest by the Hope Conservative Association they declare:

Hope Folks Say No

Whereas this association approves the immediate construction of the Hope-Princeton as a necessary military as well as civil project it is at the same time its opinion that no Japanese should be employed in this district but that they should be moved east of the Rockies owing to the danger of sabotaging of bridges, railways, highways, and other communication."

(Hope is a small village on the south bank of the Fraser, at the junction of the Coquihalla River and the Fraser, about 80 miles from Vancouver. From Hope the highway bends southeasterly, through Allison Pass, 4450 feet elevation, and then northeasterly to Princeton. About thirty miles through the pass are uncompleted.)

Hamstring Japanese

Matsqui Municipal Council's resolution urging legislation to prevent Japanese from purchasing or renting farm land or farm crops until harvested was introduced into the Victoria legislature Thursday by L. H. Eyres, Conservative M. L.A. from Chilliwack.

Such hamstringing of Japanese, the member said, was necessary "in order to protect the white farmer."

Mr. Reid Again

Wednesday, in a Burnaby speech, Tom Reid, New Westminster M.P. was more drastic in urging that all Japanese be deported to Japan.

Great War Veteran of 49th Btn. Passes

A Great War veteran who served overseas with the 49th battalion, Nobuichi Uyeda, passed away Thursday morning in the Shaughnessy Military Hospital after an extended illness at home.

Mr. Uyeda was one of the company of Japanese soldiers who volunteered their services as a unit in the last war, enlisting in Alberta in August, 1916, and going overseas with the famous 49th in October of the same year.

He served with the Canadian forces until wounds received in the battle of Passchendale in November, 1917, lost him the use of his right arm. Hospitalized in France, England and Vancouver, he was finally given his honorable discharge in 1919.

He had been an invalid at home for the past three years, and passed away yesterday morning after a very brief stay in the hospital.

"Otsuya" will be held tonight at Hompa Temple at 7:30 p.m. The funeral service will take place at Hompa Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with interment at the Returned Soldiers' Plot in the Mountain View cemetery.

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TOWN TOPICS

A lovely wedding took place last Wednesday as Sumiko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kadonaga of Celtic Cannery became the bride of Mr. Kenji Adachi, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Adachi of Bloedel, B.C. Rev. G. Nakayama officiated at the ceremony which took place at 4:00 o'clock at the Third Avenue Seikokai.

Miss Kiyoko Kadonaga, sister of the bride and Miss Fumiko Endo were the bridesmaids. Mr. Shoichi Minamimaye was the best man and the groom's brother, Mr. Harry Adachi was the usher.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Fuji Chop Suey.

• Powell Y. P. Notes

This Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock members of the Powell Young People's Society book club will gather in the gym parlours for the first meeting of those of literary bent.

At 3:30, the publications board of the Y.P. annual will hold a meeting at the Church.

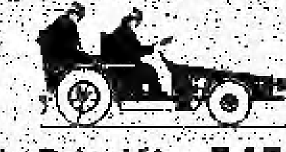
• SEIKOKAI A.Y.P.A.

Seikokai A.Y.P.A. members are reminded of the English service at Holy Cross this Sunday at 2 p.m. A fellowship and tea will follow. A short business period will also take place and all members and friends are cordially invited.

• U.B.C. Alumni Meeting

An academic discussion on comparative religion will feature the first of the 1942 quarterly meetings to be conducted by the Japanese Alumni Association Saturday, January 31. Rev. K. Shimizu, pastor of the Powell United Church, is expected to provide the background for the discussion.

YAMA TAXI



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Obituary

Funeral services were held Tuesday last at the Hompa Temple for Mrs. Chiyo Shigematsu, who passed away Sunday, January 11, in the Vancouver General Hospital in her sixty-third year.

A native of Fukuoka-ken, Japan, the deceased is survived by a brother, Mr. M. Shigematsu of Vancouver, two sons, Zenojo and Isamu, and two daughters, Asako and Naruko.

Rev. Tatibana officiated at the service, and Armstrong and Co. were in charge of cremation arrangements.

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calendar

JANUARY

26-31—Young People's Drama Festival—Kitsilano High School
29—Vancouver JCCL Annual Meeting.
31—U.B.C. Alumni Association Quarterly Meeting.

FEBRUARY

3—Powell Y.P. Badminton Club Roller Party, Happyland.
12—St. Valentine's Dance, Alma Academy, $1.25 Couple.

St. Valentine's Hop To Aid War Effort

Chase Away the Bogie With Boogie Woogie!!

The informal VALENTINE DANCE, to be held on Thursday, February 12, is not far off.

The cosy atmosphere of the Alma Academy plus the music of the Varsity Ten-piece Orchestra should provide all that is necessary.

Tickets at $1.25 per couple will be available in a few days.

The J.S.C. committee reports social highlight of the spring that arrangements are proceeding to make the dance the social highlight of the spring season.

And remember . . . the proceeds are to be donated to a central U.B.C. fund for the war effort.

Church Services This Sabbath

• Holy Cross Church

Services for Sunday, January 18: 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion; 9:45, Sunday School and Bible Classes; 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and sermon.

2:00 p.m. English Service, followed by A.Y.P.A. fellowship; 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and sermon.

• Church of Ascension

Holy Communion in Japanese at 8:30 a.m. and in English at 9:15. Sunday school and Junior Church service at 10 a.m. and Morning service at 11. Evening service at 7:30 p.m.

• Powell United Church

Morning worship at 11.30, "When These Things Begin To Happen," by Rev. K. Shimizu.

Junior Church service at 7.30 p.m., "Lovest Thou Me?" by Rev. K. Shimizu. Quartette, "Father, Let Me Dedicate All This Year To Thee," Misses K. Takimoto, H. Sakumoto, and Messrs. Kasey Oyama, Roy Nose. The choir will sing "In Heavenly Love Abiding."

The annual meeting of the Junior Church will be held immediately after the service.

• Fairview Mission

Public worship at 2 p.m. with Mr. M. Fujita in charge. Mr. H. Hyodo will speak on "God in Human Experiences."

Style Leader

Tailored suits emerge as definite style leaders for 1942.

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A Voice From Nisei Nurses

Responsibility of Public Health

(Ed. Note: We are pleased to present the first in a new series of articles on questions of public health, prepared by second generation nurses who have received their training in Canadian hospitals. The articles deal with questions of vital importance to the community, and The New Canadian is happy to co-operate in this educational project.)

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"Health is that precious heritage
Of priest and layman; fool and sage.
It's worth a hundred times its cost;
But no one learns that, 'till it's lost."
—Geo. F. Shepherd.

There is always something so pathetic about regret—when one thinks sorrowfully—"It could have been otherwise . . . if I had only . . ." Then there is a feeling of emptiness too—"It could have been . . . but is not." And withal, there is an element of finality—"It can never be quite the same again!"

Need this be so with us—as regards health? Not if we give health its proper place in the scale of human values. Health is vital! and Health is attainable by all!

In these times of international tension and economic insecurity we are apt to disregard the importance of health. Perhaps this indifference can be explained by the fact that breaking the laws of health may not always produce immediate or dire effects. Rather, the results are cumulative, piling up little by little—and leading finally to the "crash."

An unintelligent person often thinks he is "getting away with it" when it is merely a question of time until a mistreated body takes revenge. Or, it may be that the individual, feeling that his health is satisfactory, fails to realize that maximum health is possible—thus missing the vigorous and abundant vitality that he might enjoy.

There are many factors that influence health; heredity, social and living conditions, the forces of nature, and the effect of disease and accidents. But man can minimize their worst effects by a universal weapon—knowledge and education. It is said that man can do anything if he so wishes and if he has learned how to do. Thus we know that man is less at the mercy of these forces than he is of his own ignorance and indifference.

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Today we find the Public Health movement gaining more and more impetus as the people themselves realize that health has a social as well as an individual significance.

An authority has stated, "The wealth of the nation is the health of the nation." In fact, the modern public is gradually understanding that good health is a citizens' duty to the nation of which he is a part.

And in this respect the Japanese community has a definite responsibility towards the health of Canada.

Today—many preventable disease and those conditions which could have been cured, if prompt diagnosis has been followed by early treatment, are undermining the happiness and efficiency of our people.

Tuberculosis among Japanese is a major problem—in fact the incidence is so high that surveys are now being conducted in the various Japanese settlements. While a high mortality rate does not necessarily mean a high incidence—still it is quite probable. (Incidence refers to the number of cases of disease among an arbitrary number, say 1000 people.) The Japanese rank toward the Negroes and Indians in heading the list of races with the highest incidence of tuberculosis in Canada. Then too, the Division of Tuberculosis Control, Provincial Board of Health, has stated that the Oriental is much more susceptible, in about a proportion of 9—1, than the "white." If this is true, we as Japanese Canadians must arm ourselves with all the available information on prevention and take even greater precautions than normal against the scourge commonly described as the "White Plague."

Tuberculosis is only one of the many evils. What of stomach ulcers? This condition is certainly not uncommon among the Japanese. What can we do to prevent this?

High blood pressure, kidney disease, heart conditions, cancer—all play their part in breaking up families and bringing much unhappiness into others.

Besides these—infant mortality and maternal mortality can well be looked into and adjustments made.

Among the Occidental groups the incidence and deaths in the various diseases have been gradually subsiding. For example, in 1910 there were 150 deaths per 100,000 population due to tuberculosis. In 1934, there were only 50 deaths per 100,000 population due to tuberculosis. In 1934, there were only 50 deaths per 100,000 population. This was brought about by education and the application of the knowledge gained.

The Japanese Canadians can also decrease the number of preventable disease to an appreciable extent—first by a sincere desire—then a fund of knowledge, co-operation and continued education.

Now if we are convinced that health is a worthwhile and attainable goal, *we must know the facts*—then *we must apply this knowledge* to our daily living.

However, this knowledge does not need to be a source of constant worry or conscious struggle. The body should work effortlessly with as little disturbance as does a modern streamlined car. Skilful health application need not be shown by a morbid anxiety over the workings of the body—but by such intelligent use of it that it will run smoothly and pleasantly.

Shortly articles will be presented dealing with certain diseases and illnesses, laying stress on the preventive angle. The question and answer method may be used to settle individual problems relating to health. Any other suggestion or questions from the readers will be gratefully welcomed.

In this project, we feel that the medical men will co-operate fully. Together we hope to bring to the public the very best in factual information and advice, so that with your co-operation, health of our community may be advanced.

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With Joe Akiyama and George Suzuki back in the Maikawa lineup, there seems to be no means of stopping them from pocketing the third league championship.

Wednesday night they brushed off the last place, but nonetheless hardworking, Shibuya quintette and picked up another win, 33-31.

Shibuya's kept close behind Maikawas in the first quarter, but were slowly left behind as Joe Akiyama and Suzuki contributed 13 points between them in the second canto to give Maikawa's comfortable ners with 10 points while Toni lead. Shibuya's caught afire in the third quarter, outscoring the winners 11-8 but the champs soon made that up in the final quarter.

George Ide was high sniper with dozen points with Akiyama and Suzuki trailing 10 and 9 points respectively.

In the second game M & N gave Marpole one of their toughest fights to date, but they just missed a victory as Marpole picked up their fourth win 33-31.

Slow in getting started, the pace grew hotter and hotter as the game progressed and fans were treated to some brilliant plays and long pot shots by experts Al Tokawa and Jinx Miike.

Jinx Miike topped the win- Nobuoka led the losers with 8.

Marpole—Shimoda 2; S. Miike 7; Fujioka 2; Hori 6; J. Miike 10; Nakagawa 2; Fukumoto 4—33.

M. & N.—Tanaka; Nobuoka 8; A. Tokawa 7; T. Machida 7; Tsukamoto 5; Hashimoto 4—31.

Shibuya—Nishio 1; Kawahara 8; Yamada 6; Yamashita 2; Ide 12; Okokata; Hirano—33.

Maikawa—Akiyama 10; Kaz Suga 4; Uno 6; Wakabayashi 6; Suzuki 9; Suga 2; Yanagizawa 2—39.

Keglers May Extend Race to 15 Weeks

The heavily gold-dusted finish line is not too far distant and male keglers of the Nisei 5-Pin Bowling League are buckling down to serious pin-spilling in order to finish "in the money".

The race is far from over, but it is getting closer as teams tie up for the cherished positions. Enjoying a 2-game lead over the pack are Singers and Kick Backs. Singers lost two strings to the lowly Screwballs last Monday having to forfeit 152 pins per string.

If the Screwballs can duplicate their last week's feat against the Kick Backs this Monday the team standing is in for a lot of alteration. The Kick Backs have a small matter of 154 pins handicap to consider—just a mere trifle?

In second place tie with 9 wins and 6 losses are Tanaka Bros. and Giants. Tanaka Bros. will have to hit the pins some if they want to win from Tad Kondo's "Five Aces". Five Aces, although down the list are really dangerous with Tad Kondo, Jack Koyama and Nick Nozuye likely to hit in the "700's" any time. Giants match their prowess with the up-and-coming Maple Leafs. Asahis and Maple Leafs are tied for third slot and are still heavy contenders for the sought-for prize money.

Before the league match this Monday, all captains are asked to meet prior to the game to discuss the possibility of stretching the schedule to fifteen weeks and if so the division of the prize money which would be raised to $50.00.

Ping-Pong Schedule

At the Table Tennis Headquarters on East Pender Street, across from the Strathcona gym, the senior division of the league gets back into action again after a month and a half layoff. In the double header G.Y.K. meets Mikado and Fairview tackles Union.

Junior games scheduled for this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. are: Union vs. Kitsilano; Mikado vs. Tairiku; Meiwa Gakuen vs. New Team; Maikawa bye.

BOWLING STANDING

Singers	11	4
Kick Backs	11	4
Tanaka Bros.	9	6
Giants	9	6
Asahi	8	7
Maple Leafs	8	7
Lucky Strike	6	9
Five Aces	5	10
East Enders	5	10
Screw Balls	3	12

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

19-20	East	Enders-Singers	
Kanashiro	165	Tehara	206
Kitamura	166	Fukui	160
M. Sugie	181	Hamakawa	183
Koyanagi	168	C. Ebata	178
Nishimura	171	Yana'zawa	188
	854		915

East Enders Handicap 43 Pins.

21-22	Tanaka	Bros.-Five Aces	
Tanaka	179	Koyama	214
Goromaru	164	S. Kubota	166
Onizuka	187	G. Sato	174
Kozai	171	Nosuye	167
S. Ebata	189	Kondo	220
	890		941

Tanaka Bros. Handicap 36 Pins

23-24	Maple	Leafs-Giants	
Mas Endo	178	Yamashita	199
G. Kubota	157	Waka'shi	156
Sonoda	169	A. Kut'ke	178
T. Tanaka	193	Hayashi	193
T. Uno	192	Isoshima	221
	889		947

Maple Leafs Handicap 41 Pins

15-16	Lucky	Strike-Asahi	
T. Kut'ke	196	Yamamura	193
Okawara	178	Shishido	190
G. Kut'ke	174	K. Kut'ke	176
H. Kut'ke	170	Kaminishi	195
Tsujikawa	206	Y. Uno	207
	912		961

Lucky Strike Handicap 30 Pins

17-18	Screw	Balls-Kick Backs	
Nishino	148	R. Fuj'to	201
Miyazawa	139	T. Mori	181
Nishimura	133	Waka'shi	188
Ty Nose	158	T. Fuj'to	186
Masui	163	Sugamori	205
	741		[illegible]

Screw Balls Handicap 154 Pins

Offer Services

United Church Urges Fair Treatment

The executive body of the four Japanese United Churches, the Fraser Valley, New Westminster, Steveston and Vancouver, has forwarded to Prime Minister Mackenzie King and to the Standing Committee in Ottawa a resolution stating their "readiness to perform any service to Canada in the present crisis which the Government may desire of us."

"The Christian Japanese," says the resolution, "appreciate the meaning of democracy that they understand what it is that the Canadian people are fighting for in this war."

In a second telegram to the Prime Minister the Executive of the B. C. Conference of the United Church, declaring its deep and vital concern in the welfare of our Japanese population" but also "recognizing the immediate national peril" urged that "in such protective measures as may be necessary, there shall be no deviation from the Christian principle and British fair-play."

In a confirmatory message the Conference said it "put cognizance of the readiness of many Japanese to volunteer for various forms of national service, of their support of the Red Cross, and their declared appreciation of the democratic freedoms enjoyed in this country."

"Doubtless there are individuals among the Japanese as elsewhere who require to be restricted," adds the message, "but our Canadian people should be warned of the danger of race prejudice, of ugly Hitlerism methods which vent upon the nearby innocent and unprotected, the animosities aroused against the distant enemy."

Competence of the authorities is demonstrated in the order and good sense with which the situation has been met so far, they feel.

Mission JCCL Active In Patriotic Work

MISSION, B. C.—The Mission Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League is taking an active lead in community work here.

The Chapter has offered its fullest support towards the Canadian Red Cross Society by collecting membership fees, as well as donations from the Mission Japanese community. Despite recent cold weather, many members have co-operated fully in carrying out this canvassing work.

A large sum has been forwarded to Mr. Muir, treasurer of the Mission Branch of the Red Cross. He has voiced his deep appreciation of our work.

Many thanks go to all the members who have participated in this work.

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The Mission Chapter has also offered its services in alien registration held in Mission on January 7-10. During the four days, Mr. T. Saito, Y. Ogawa, and K. Fukami worked hard in arranging in order the people of Mission, so that the registration might proceed smoothly. Other members participating were J. Yahiro and K. Sato, who notified the Japanese people what days to come.

Approximately 190 persons have been duly registered in Mission.

A donation of $10 has been made to the Red Cross general fund by the Mission Chapter JCCL, and $5 was contributed to the special fund for medical aid to Russia.

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The Government's Decision

THE Japanese Canadian community on the whole will do its best to accept the measures laid down by the federal government in its announcement Wednesday in the same reasonable spirit with which they were drafted. Pending further details on the orders, they will hope for the best that those details will be drawn up in line with the government statement that every protection will be given to themselves and their property.

The majority of the people can appreciate the viewpoint of the average Canadian. They understand that this coast has become a vital front in the war. Hence they realize that certain restrictions and interferences with civil rights must be assumed as willingly and cheerfully as possible. And there is no reason to doubt and the community's past record for observance of the law is a sure indication that the regulations will be carried out fully.

There will be a widespread appreciation, too, that a distinction is to be drawn between those who are aliens and those who are citizens. It is admittedly an arbitrary distinction, based upon legal formalities. But it is the only factual basis upon which a democratic distinction can be made. As the editor of the Province cogently points out, for the first time in the history of the Oriental problem in British Columbia, "it puts a premium on Canadian citizenship, holding it up as something distinctly worth having."

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The other side of the picture, unhappily, suggests that many among us are going to be hurt. And what makes that hurt doubly hard to bear is the knowledge that one is wholly innocent of any wrong-doing, let alone of any subversive intent or thought.

This will include, particularly, those who though legally alien, are wholly Canadian in outlook and in spirit, in some cases even more so than those legally citizens. It will include hundreds of older folks—farmers, merchants, doctors, dentists, and ministers—who have resided in Canada for many years. They settled in Canada years ago, raised families and built up their businesses by dint of hard work and perseverance. In every way they have conducted themselves as worthwhile citizens.

Included, too, among those for whom the future is dark, are many younger people who came to Canada as children, or as mere babes in arms. By birth, they are alien. By education, environment and training they are wholly Canadian. In many cases they have developed their talents and capabilities, and won for themselves positions of respect and importance, in which they render all the services of good citizens.

One may well express regret that because of the "silent but effective discrimination" exercised through the discretionary power of the Secretary of State in regard to naturalization is likely to result now in many cases of personal unhappiness that might easily have been avoided.

Minor restrictions, such as those dealing with cameras, radios and the sale of gas can be cheerfully accepted without bitterness. The disruption of an entire life, such as may result from the "removal of aliens", however, is not something which we can look upon with any self-righteous complacency.

It is to be most sincerely hoped that a just and reasonable interpretation of the regulations will enable the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to issue all permits consistent, of course, with the demands of national safety.

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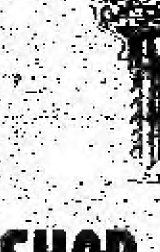

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The Press Commends Government Policy

Public feeling has been calmed considerably by government action in ordering the removal of "enemy aliens" from coast "defence areas" it would appear from press comment in Vancouver. Generally, responsible news organs feel that the decision of the Government was considerate and reasonable, and consistent with the needs of the situation. The more "agitated" forces have been paritally appeased, although they are apt to withold general approval until the administration of the program proves itself to be as drastic as possible.

Declares the **Vancouver Province**, which has been foremost in counselling reason and justice:

"In arriving at its decision, the government, quite properly, made national defence the first consideration. National defence implies an all-out defence of British Columbia which is the front line of defence of the nation. The country must be protected against possible fifth column activities.

"The second consideration is justice, both to Japanese who are Canadian citizens and to Japanese nationals. Some of these people have been deprived or will be deprived of their means of livelihood. Other means will be found. Some of them have had their property taken from them. They will be compensated. For those who have indicated their desire to help the national cause, means will be provided through the organization of civilian work corps.

Premium on Citizenship

"The government's decision should be eminently satisfactory to British Columbia people. It arranges to do the important things British Columbians wished to be done. It is neither harsh nor extreme. It maintains the dignity and honor of the country. It puts a premium on Canadian citizenship, holding it up as something distinctly worth having. And it demonstrates that Canada, in her business of government, stands by the principles she fights for.

"But, while the decision will satisfy fair-minded British Columbians, it will not, unfortunately, satisfy the rabble-rousers, whether these be irresponsible newspapers, self-seeking politicians or private citizens who were misled and misinformed by self-seeking agitators. The last thing the rabble-rousers wished was a fair and moderate solution of the problem. That kind of solution steals their thunder and requires them to quit the field in confusion."

News-Herald View

The News-Herald expressed its satisfaction that "democratic action" had had a "chance to function" and that "national policy rather than individual alarms" had prevailed.

"Whatever is done is right," says their editorial, "so long as it follows the rules of the country—so long as responsibility is exercised by those to whom it was given—so long as what is done expresses reasoning rather than an emotional explosion."

The Sun declares that it "wishes to congratulate the governments involved and the authorities who have taken a calm and common-sense view of the situation, with the results attained."

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SAY OU SAW IT IN THE NEW CANADIAN

The Courage Of The Common Place

By ROBERT HOSOKAWA

Somewhere in boyhood I found the words ". . . the courage of the commonplace is greater than the courage of the cris . . . ." That splinter of thought has remained lodged in my mi for many years because I did not understand it.

Today it is a little more clear, for here and there fro the darkness have come the pinpoints of light. The cri itself has brought the revelation of the courage to be found the commonplace.

True, the daily journals bring us new stories of some he who has etched his gallantry and courage in the flaming sun sky. The drums beat and the hearts beat and the world sta at attention to enshrine those who have given their lives the cause.

Yet in the little lamplit homes along quiet streets the are heroes too. They are obscure citizens who are too bu carrying their loads to be noticed. They get no medal, theirs is the glory of the commonplace. Yet on these peop so much depends.

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He is a young fellow, quiet, sincere, willing. When h father died he dried his tears without a whimper, he stepp from his carefree corner to seat himself in the head cha Unafraid he climbed into his father's spiritual overalls a rolled up his sleeves. There was work to be done, a family be guided . . . and the shoes were not too large for him.

In his quiet way he did what he could, put a new lig and life into the family. Unknowingly he inspires his frien who are proud of him, of his sacrifices, of his courage. An that courage? It is commonplace.

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Encased in a body-length cast he lies in a hospital c unblinking and unafraid. He has known much pain, th young fellow, for his body had been broken. Then after so months of normal living the doctors discovered the point of infection and more months in a cast.

But he lies in the light of his room with courage that i admirable and inspiring. What may happen to his body e leaves for the doctors to decide. Yet that active, sensiti mind, it is clean and courageous. He is hopeful and hope li only in those who have courage.

There are few visitors; people forget so easily. It is th courage of the commonplace which is seeing him through.

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She is teaching school to the fourth grade in a little cou try town. Her classes are small, but I judge that few class are more blessed than hers. To know her is to love her, she is a beautiful person.

In a few lines she penned her thoughts to me one da And those words reveal much that is fundamental . . . "ho important it is to teach them to be men and women, stro humble, kind . . . spirit, courage, optimism—all should r high to help us over this new bump in the road. In knowi that qualities and ideals exist, realizing there is somethi deeper than this petty human war helps . . . to keep them our task, to keep them for these young ones . . . ."

They are words of a young woman. But they are h words, deep words. And they are courageous words too!

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That is the courage of the commanplace. It is found in t little homes, in the common people. But it is the hope of distressed world which has erred stupidly into a crisis. Fr this crisis there is no turning. And the courage of the commo place will stand humbly ungloried; seeing to it that we str ahead through the crisis.

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